

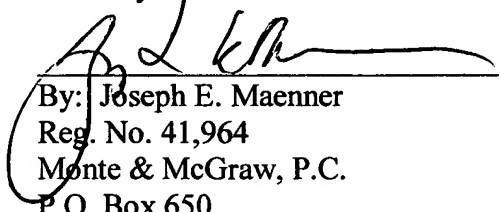
Restriction may be required if two or more independent and distinct inventions are claimed in one application. 35 U.S.C. § 121. The key words of the statute are independent and distinct. In view of the explanation of the slight differences between Species A and species B, it is respectfully submitted that Species A and B are not independent and distinct. It is therefore respectfully requested that the election requirement as to Species A and B be withdrawn, and that claims 1-11 presently pending in this application be examined with respect to both Figs. 4 and Fig. 8.

However, in the event that the Examiner further determines that Species A and B are patentably distinct, Applicants elect Species A, claims 1-11. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned to discuss.

Respectfully Submitted,

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